



Fort Moultrie Flag

Designed by South Carolina minutemen, the Fort Moultrie flag was flown over Fort William Moultrie near Charleston, South Carolina. Fort Moultrie, located on a small island, was built from native materials – palmetto logs and sand. It came under heavy bombardment by British naval troops on June 28, 1776. The flag itself, which was shot to pieces during the bombardment, features the crescent moon, which South Carolina soldiers wore on their hats. The flag was the first American flag flown in the southern states and had a major influence on South Carolina's current state flag which still features the crescent moon.